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SENATOR SMITH: ...even outside the lid?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, no, not outside the lid. I mean, they would have...all of the budget and lid levy provisions that we have in law now would continue to pertain. So they would be restricted to some extent with their property taxes. I don't know if the city of Lincoln has enough room under budget and levy limits or not, but they would be limited if they did not have enough room.

SENATOR SMITH: But there's no sensitivity to the lids, based on a federal mandate issue currently? I was with the understanding that there was. And perhaps I need to double-check on that. But...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I could be wrong on that too. Let's both double-check.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. I'll do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You mean by virtue of it being a federal mandate, anything that's a federal mandate would be exempted from the lid?

SENATOR SMITH: Right. There was some...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let's check.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. I also want to state some observations that I've made in my own district relating to newer development. And we know that...and I commend municipalities for becoming more and more educated on this issue. And we've seen an evolution of the process of granting building permits with some drainage mitigation to be included. And I observed a rather large project in my own district that they went to quite an expense up front while building their project that really wouldn't be reflected in the fees that they would pay down the road. And so...and I realize that it's difficult to try to treat everyone the same. But we all benefit. And it's disturbing to me when someone went to a great expense up front